



Rangitikei District Council

Taihape Community Board Meeting

Minutes – Wednesday 6 April 2016 – 5:30 p.m.

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Present: Mrs Michelle Fannin (Chair)
Ms Gail Larsen
Dr Peter Oliver
Cr Richard Aslett
Cr Ruth Rainey
Mrs Yvonne Sicely

Also present: His Worship the Mayor, Andy Watson

In attendance: Mr Michael Hodder, Community & Regulatory Services Group Manager
Mrs Sheryl Srhoj, Administration
Mr Peter Shore, Facilities Consultant

1 Apologies

Resolved minute number **16/TCB/013** **File Ref**

That the apology from Councillor Gordon for absence be received.

Mrs Fannin/Cr Rainey. Carried

2 Public Forum

There was nobody present for this.

3 Confirmation of order of business

The Chair advised that item 8 of the Agenda (What's new, What's changed...?' – Consultation document for the 2016/17 Annual Plan") would be taken next, followed by item 10 (Taihape Memorial Park – future development)

4 Members' conflict of interest

Members were reminded of their obligation to declare any conflicts of interest that they may have in respect of the items on this agenda.

8 'What's new, What's changed...?' – Consultation document for the 2016/17 Annual Plan

His Worship the Mayor gave a presentation on the key issues and choices in Rangitikei District Council's 2016/17 Annual Plan.

Items discussed included funding for youth services, long term management of Rangitikei's roading, water, wastewater and stormwater services and the proposal to construct a new amenity block on Taihape Memorial Park.

His Worship the Mayor then proceeded to outline the submission process, encouraging all those present to submit on any matter that they wanted Council to consider as it plans for the year ahead. If further information was required he suggested they contact their local Councillor.

10 Taihape Memorial Park – future development

Mr Shore spoke to and answered questions about his report.

One of the key issues was the proposal to build a new amenity block on Taihape Memorial Park which is now out for consultation as part of the draft 2016/2017 Annual Plan.

The large contingent from the Taihape Memorial Park Users Group that were present supported the proposal and were keen to have the location of the new amenity block settled.

Following a discussion on the proposed in ground irrigation system, there was some concern that the one metre spread of the pop ups may not be suitable for horses. Mr Shore felt that this issue should be addressed at the Taihape Memorial Park User Group meeting; however, he felt that with some tweaking and advice from the Irrigation specialist it would work.

There was further discussion on funding the irrigation system. Ms Mortland advised that the Taihape Community Development Trust had received \$5,000.00 from the Whanganui Community Foundation but that their application to Powerco Wanganui Trust Fund had been declined.

There was some suggestion that the Taihape Memorial Park User Group reapply to Powerco as well as considering other funding options.

Mr Thomas suggested that in future groups consult with a Powerco Wanganui Trustee prior to submitting their application. The application needed to be kept simple and it was important that it was submitted in time.

Resolved minute number **16/TCB/014** **File Ref**

That the report 'Taihape Memorial Park – future development' be received.

Mrs Fannin/Cr Rainey. Carried

5 Minutes of previous meeting

Resolved minute number **16/TCB/015** **File Ref**

That the Minutes of the Taihape Community Board meeting held on 3 February 2016, be taken as read and verified as an accurate and correct record of the meeting.

Dr Oliver/Cr Aslett. Carried

6 Chair's report

The Chair gave a verbal report, acknowledging the recent passing of three local residents. There was a brief discussion on the support that the community was receiving, noting that Mike King had offered to speak with the Taihape Area school students.

The Chair expressed her disappointment with the lack of communication between Council staff and the affected property owners following the recent slip on Eagle Street.

Other matters raised included keeping the Taihape Memorial Park gates open daily from 9am to 5pm, options for a designated community garden, trimming of the plane trees in Wren Street and a timeline for the installation of the main street banner.

Resolved minute number **16/TCB/016** **File Ref**

That the Chair's report to the 6 April 2016 meeting of the Taihape Community Board, as presented, be received.

Mrs Fannin/Cr Rainey. Carried

7 Council decisions on recommendations from the Taihape Community Board

Council confirmed the recommendation from the Board's meeting on 3 February 2016 supporting the inclusion of the proposed new amenity block on Taihape Memorial Park in the 2016/17 Annual Plan.

9 Other simultaneous consultations

The Summary of Information documents for the three proposals were attached for the Board's information. They were out for consultation at the same time as 'What's new, What's change..?'

10 Update on place-making initiatives

The Chair outlined the ideas that the Taihape Community Development Trust had agreed upon regarding place-making initiatives.

These included refurbishing the town maps outside the Town Hall and Outback toilets, extending and upgrading the yellow Gumboot walk around the CBD and upgrading the dog exercise area in Robin Street.

There was further discussion on organising an action group to undertake work in the Taihape Triangle area – cleaning the tiles, repainting, and a general garden tidy up. This Board initiative would be advertised on Facebook community notices. Mrs Fannin undertook to draft an advertisement and email to members for comment. The media would be invited to take a photo for the local paper.

11 Remuneration for Board members

Mr Hodder spoke briefly to this item. Since preparing the item for the Board's agenda, he had further conversation with the Remuneration Authority: payment of additional duties to Board members did include the Chair (but not the appointed Councillors).

After some discussion the Board agreed that, even though they did undertake additional responsibilities from time to time, no additional payments were warranted.

The Board was keen to lift their profile, so it was agreed that an article be submitted to the local papers.

Resolved minute number **16/TCB/017** **File Ref**

That the Taihape Community Board recommends to Council that it does undertake additional responsibilities but does not request any additional payment.

Mrs Fannin/Dr Oliver. Carried

12 Update on the Small Projects Fund

Resolved minute number **16/TCB/018** **File Ref**

That the memorandum 'Update on the Small Projects Fund to the meeting of the Taihape Community Board on 6 April 2016 be received.

Mrs Sicely/Cr Rainey. Carried

13 Requests for service concerning Taihape

Dr Oliver was concerned about the loss of water and the length of time it had taken (three months) to fix the water leak in Dixon Way.

His Worship the Mayor advised that he would look into this matter.

Resolved minute number **16/TCB/019** **File Ref**

That the report 'Requests for service in the Taihape Ward, January – February 2016' be received.

Mrs Sicely/Ms Larsen. Carried

14 Youth Hutt report

Resolved minute number **16/TCB/020** **File Ref**

That the Youth Hutt report to the meeting of the Taihape Community Board on 6 April 2016 be received.

Cr Rainey/Cr Aslett. Carried

15 Evaluating Horizons' One Plan implementation – part one: water quality

The letter dated 4 February 2016 from Horizons was attached for the Board's information only.

16 Current infrastructure projects/upgrades and other Council activities in the Taihape Ward

Due to the Assets/Infrastructure Committee not meeting until 14 April 2016, this report was not available for the meeting; however it was to be circulated to Board members on 11 April 2016.

17 Matters arising not elsewhere on the agenda – progress update

Alex Wong corner

Plans of the proposed work on the Gretna intersection upgrade from NZTA were tabled and discussed.

The Chair advised that NZTA had given the Board permission to go ahead with the fence which was to run from the green building to the service lane. The owners of Alex Wong Ltd had agreed to help fund this fence. Mr Andrew Fleury to be asked to provide a quote for this job. The Board to ask the Parks and Reserves Team Leader for his suggestions for the planting of available areas.

Main Street footpath surface

The Board was keen for the water blasting treatment to be undertaken as soon as possible. Mr Hodder to seek clarification on when this contract was to be done.

Banner over Hautapu Street

The Chair was keen to see this item progress. Mr Hodder to ask for an update from Council's Roading Manager and report back to the Board's next meeting

Te Moehau Junction sign

Cr Aslett reported that the signs would be delivered in the next fortnight.

Walkway from Dixon Way to the CBD

Dr Oliver and Ms Larsen were disappointed that there had been no formal response from NZTA in support of making this a formed footpath. They felt that this well used route in its present state was a real safety issue.

Resolved minute number

16/TCB/021

File Ref

That the report "Matters arising not elsewhere on the agenda – progress update" be received.

Mrs Fannin/Ms Larsen. Carried

18 Late items

Taihape Market Day

The Chair advised that there was to be one more Community Market day in the town hall as over the winter months they would move to the Presbyterian Church hall.

The Board agreed to use funds from the Small Project Fund to cover the town hall hireage costs for the 23 April 2016 Taihape Community Market Day.

Anzac Day

The Board was keen to for a Board Member to accompany the Council representative when laying the wreath on Anzac Day.

Workshop

The Board agreed to hold a workshop on Monday 2 May at 5.30pm in order to finalise their submissions to the Annual Plan 2016/2017.

Resolved minute number **16/TCB/022** **File Ref**

That the Taihape Community Board agree to using funds from the small project fund to cover Taihape town hall hire costs for the 23 April 2016 Taihape Community Market Day.

Mrs Fannin/Dr Oliver. Carried

19 Future items for the agenda

None proposed.

20 Date of next meeting

The next meeting to be held Wednesday 1 June 2016 at 5.30 pm.

21 Meeting closed

The meeting closed at 8.25pm.